SI.No	Name of the State/UT	No. of working children
32	Goa	4138
33	Lakshadweep	27
34	Mizoram	26265
35	Pondicherry	1904
	TOTAL :	12666377

Verification Committee of Trade Unions

1752. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports, announcing the results of verification of membership pf central trade unions;

(b) if so, whether Verification Committee of trade unions was convened prior to publication of the report;

(c) if not, the reasons for non-denial by Government about the report; and

(d) whether Government would enquire how the information has leaked out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Some newspapers have reported about the general outcome of the ongoing exercise of general verification.

(b) The result of general verification has not been finalized as yet. Before finalization of result, the objections of the Central Trade Unions will be invited. Earlier, meetings of Standing Committee were convened on 30.9.2003,5.1.2004,8.3.2004,31.5.2005,14.7.2004,15.12.2004,15.4.2005 and 22.2.2006.

(c) The result of verification reported by newspapers are general in nature, based on the assessment/speculation or information from any other sources. As the result is yet to be finalized, no necessity for denial was felt.

(d) As the result is yet to be finalized, the question of enquiry for leaking out information does not arise.

Women workers in organized and unorganized sectors

1753. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women workers employed in the organized sector;

(b) the total number of women workers engaged in the different industries/trades in the unorganized non-agricultural sector; and

(c) what are the benefits legally available to the women workers in the organized and unorganized sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The total number of women wokers employed in the organized sector is 5016200 as on 31.03.2005.

(b) The total number of women workers engaged in the different industries/trade in unorganized non-agricultural sector is 3,58,77,665 as per Census of India 2001.

(c) Several laws have been enacted for the legal benefits to the women workers in the organized and unorganized sectors. These include the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976, Factories Act, 1948, the Plantations Labour Act, 1951, the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, the Inter-State Migrant workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, etc. which provide *inter alia* equal wages for equal work to women workers, Creche facilities for the benefit of women workers, time off for feeding children during working hours, provision of maternity leave and separate toilets and washing facilities for female and male workers near the workplace.